

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing within said memory, characterized in that:

- the at least one application program comprises at least one configurable variable and a list of at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable, and
- the memory includes at least one means for initializing said configurable variables upon receipt of a command that comprises at least one value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variable, the at least one means for initializing establishing a link between the at least one value comprised in the command and the at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable, whereby the means for initializing transfers the at least one value comprised in the command to the at least one configurable variable.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that said configurable variables are persistent within said memory.

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that a reference element refers to a configurable variable.

4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that said application program has at least two configurable variables that are referred to within the same list and which derive from the same parent class.
5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that said application program has at least two configurable variables that are referred to within the same list and which are instances of the same class.
6. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one initialization means resides within said memory, irrespective of the application program.
7. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one application program comprises initialization means.
8. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that all initialization means are defined in the same language as said application program.
9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that said command enables reading of configurable variable contents.
10. (Currently Amended) A method for initializing an application program in an integrated circuit portable device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing within said memory, characterized in that said method includes the steps of:

- providing the at least one application program with at least one configurable variable and a list of at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable,
- sending data to the at least one application program, the data comprising at least one value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variable,
- establishing a link between the at least one value comprised in the data and the at least one reference element in said list that references the at least one configurable variable, whereby the at least one value comprised in the data is transferred to the at least one configurable variable.